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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
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Yamazaki et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/993,993)
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Filed: November 14, 2001)
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For: Semiconductor Device And Method)
Of Manufacturing The Same)
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Art Unit: 2826)
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Examiner: M. Tran)

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RESPONSE (B)

Sir:

Applicants have the following response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, a one month extension of time being submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 16 and 17 in the above-identified application. Applicants will now address the Examiner's remaining rejection in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 15, 18 and 19 under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over Suzawa et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.